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District Man Sentenced to Prison For Stabbing in Southeast Washington - Stab Wound Lacerated Victim's Trachea -

WASHINGTON - Demarcus Rodgers, 31, of Washington, D.C., has been sentenced to 1 ½ years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for a stabbing that took place last year in Southeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Rodgers pled guilty in March 2011 to a charge of attempted assault with a dangerous weapon. On May 27, 2011, he was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary.

According to the government's evidence, the stabbing took place at approximately 3:50 p.m. on December 22, 2010, in the area of the 3500 block of Stanton Road SE. The victim and his wife are married with two children, but at the time they were separated and living apart. The victim's wife had recently begun seeing Rodgers, with whom she has one child, again. When the victim saw his wife walking with Rodgers, he called her over and asked her about the whereabouts of his children. They had an argument on the sidewalk, in front of Rodgers. During the argument, Rodgers pulled out a knife and swung it at the victim, cutting him in his neck. The victim underwent emergency surgery to repair a laceration to his trachea.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Detectives Jose Nieves-Campos and Anthony Williams of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Seventh District, who led the investigation, as well as Officers Shyanti Brooks, Mohammed Sillah, Michael Harrison, Felix Lina and Brian Stacks. Finally, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Jason Manuel, and Legal Assistant Charmonique Price, who prepared the case for indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mervin Bourne, who conducted the pre-indictment investigation and prosecuted the case.

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